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Dear Mr. McEwen:

I am pleased to reply to your letter of October 27, requesting on behalf of Mr. Edmond Glavin information concerning Irish priest, Father Patrick Rice.

Father Rice was forceably taken from a church service by unidentified armed men on October 11. On November 3, our Embassy in Buenos Aires informed the Department that Father Rice is being held in a La Plata jail under the provisions of the State of Siege. The Irish Embassy has visited Father Rice several times and has apparently found him in good health. The Irish Embassy and Catholic church officials in Argentina are working actively on Father Rice's behalf.

I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Kempton B. Jenkins
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

Enclosure:

Correspondence Returned.

The Honorable
Robert C. McEwen,
House of Representatives.

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